

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday October 17, 2022 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Trustee Sena	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation of the night.

No input from the public and the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting stating that there was a Public Hearing scheduled on a local law regarding the Municipal Investment Policy for the Village, which was required to be ratified by New York State.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Investment Policy under General Municipal Law.

RESOLUTION # 349 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut continued explaining that the local law regarding Investments was a State requirement and spelled out the types of securities, collateral and allowable investments should the Village decide to invest tax dollars in anything other than Certificates of Deposit. The law would take effect as soon as it was received by the State and it would be reviewed and amended annually as necessary.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then opened the floor to the public, inviting people to ask questions or make comments. There were none.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the adoption of the Investment Policy under General Municipal Law

RESOLUTION # 350 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Investment Policy law.

RESOLUTION # 351 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut announced that there was a second Public Hearing scheduled for this evening regarding another local law but the Village Attorney, who was absent from this meeting, requested that they postpone it to November 21st.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing regarding a proposed Sign law to November 21st at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION # 352 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Due to the time, the next Public Hearing was moved to later in the Agenda to be certain that any members of the Public wanting to participate were on hand to do so.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood was absent and no report was submitted.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Carmelina Palumbo: Ms. Palumbo had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that he had met with a group called Westhab regarding a truly affordable housing project adjacent to 25 Fairmount Ave. Talks are continuing with them and the income threshold for available units would be 30-50% of AMI range.

Mayor Kohut reported that there was a request from Edilio Estevez regarding overnight and alternate side parking on Fourth Street. Mr. Estevez has requested that alternate side overnight parking be instituted on Fourth St. Mayor Kohut explained that the Board discussed this at workshop and has determined that Fourth St. is too narrow to allow overnight parking. The Board has allowed this on several other streets but they were wider and Mr. Estevez's request could unfortunately not be approved.

Mayor Kohut continued with a request from a James Staub for a speed bump on South Street. Mayor Kohut read the letter from Mr. Staub and explained that the Board had discussed this at workshop and had decided that in keeping with past requests they would reach out to Mr. Staub and have him petition his neighbors for a consensus on their approval. With neighborhood support the Board was not opposed to this.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Board's decision regarding this request.

RESOLUTION # 353 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Crossing Guard Dennis Healy effective October 25, 2022.

RESOLUTION # 354 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring of Eduardo Sanchez as Crossing Guard PT, subject to Rockland County Personnel approval.

RESOLUTION # 355 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut announced that Holiday's in Haverstraw was scheduled for Saturday December 3rd and that they were trying to get some of the local restaurants to participate. He also stated that if anyone had any ideas for something new and different to please speak up.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno stated that he had 2 applications for the Haverstraw Fire Department:

1. Alexander Escalona Lazoro to Lady Warren Co #5
2. Jesse Sullivan to Lady Warren Co #5

Both applications were in order and notarized and he made a motion to accept them into the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION # 356 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Deputy Mayor Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of October 17th:

TASK LIST

- Seal coated African American park on Clinton St.
- Put fall flowers at Village Hall
- Pumped out water fountains for the season
- Fixed damaged signs on Union St
- Put doggie bags in doggie bag stations
- Installed new dump body on blacktop truck
- Took down spring banners and put-up fall banners
- Fixed damaged catch basin at Riverside Ave
- Cleaned flood at Village Hall
- Put 10 bricks up in African American park
- Repaired damaged street sign at New Main and Broadway
- Fixed damaged catch basin at Feeney Pl

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro had nothing further to report on DPW.

Mayor Kohut added that the sidewalk project on Gurnee Avenue should be completed in the next few days and therefore Tilcon should be able to get to the Village in the near future to mill and pave.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Rich Sena: Trustee Sena reported on the following activities at the Community Center:

- A Halloween Parade is scheduled on Monday October 31st through the downtown
- Personnel discussions are ongoing and include the paid interns leaving at end of year and possible retirements on the horizon.
- Town of Haverstraw's review of funding is coming up and data is being submitted to have them increase their contribution.

Trustee Sena had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana had nothing to report.

At this time the Mayor announced that they would be going back to the scheduled Public Hearing regarding a proposed local law that would remove the VOH Code provisions using "Imprisonment, Incarceration or Jail" as penalties for violations. Mayor Kohut explained that when NYS revised their bail and incarceration laws that anything that had the potential for incarceration required more complex procedures for discovery which became onerous for communities to meet. Since the Village has quite a few of these penalty provisions they are removing the provision from any and all Village Code penalties referring to Incarceration, Imprisonment and/or Jail, which will eliminate the discovery issue.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION # 357 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut invited anyone from the Public to ask questions, raise concerns etc. No response from anyone in attendance.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION # 358 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the removal of the Code provisions as per the new law.

RESOLUTION # 359 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Motion Carries: All

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 3, 2022 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 360 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ramon Soto, 13 Broadway: Mr. Soto explained that every day he was seeing bikes and motorcycles on the sidewalk and this was a hazard. He remembers a few years ago a lady downtown was hit by one of these and now that people are putting motorcycles and driving motorcycles on the sidewalk it's becoming very dangerous.

The Board agreed that it was dangerous and this was a policing issue that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Soto continued with remarks regarding people coming out of restaurants and clubs downtown and getting into fights and/or robbed. This was in the area of the Broad Street parking lot. Mr. Soto also mentioned that he wanted to see the elected officials in attendance at various Hispanic events.

Mr. Sena asked if there was an update on the Jefferson Street Park and the funding.

Mr. Soto responded that the Park be identified as something for the Latino community.

Trustee Santana, responding to Mr. Soto's remarks about the Board members not being at events, stated that Board members have to balance where they spend their time and energy, noting that he was in attendance recently at the Latin Food Drive, and that being in Village Hall was a priority as was representing their community in the best way possible for them individually.

Discussion continued regarding the invitations to events and the representation for the community.

Trustee Sena announced that he had requested a meeting with Supervisor Phillips, Chief Murphy, Councilman Gould and Captain Gould to discuss Crisis Intervention Team programs, available training on mental health issues. The DA's office has committed \$35,000 to the training and to discuss Police Community Outreach Center in the Village.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to support the initiative regarding enhancing Police training etc.

RESOLUTION # 361 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Lydia Borgos and Eleuterio Collazo Sr.

RESOLUTION # 362 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio